

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 932
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A RESOLUTION to honor the gallant members of the Ashland City Fire Department and commend them for their many accomplishments in 2003.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee enjoy a wonderful quality of life, and we owe much to the brave men and women who bravely fight fires and defend our homes and our workplaces against destruction by fire; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to these exemplary citizens who give unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the laudable individuals who comprise the Ashland City Fire Department represent one such exemplary group of citizens; during 2003, the Department celebrated numerous accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the members of the Ashland City Fire Department have saved many homes and countless memories for their friends and neighbors; in 2003 alone, they responded to 790 calls; and

WHEREAS, their selfless work was assisted by the introduction of a new rescue/service truck and the opening of the new Station II; and

WHEREAS, always seeking ways to better serve the community, the members of the Department taught fire safety to approximately seven hundred students in 2003, fully aware that the ideal manner of fighting fires is through prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland City Fire Department is composed of a remarkable group of individuals; these courageous Tennesseans include Chuck Walker, Derek Noe, Brian Biggs, Ken Millett, Danny Schaeffer, Dustin Shadowens, Steven Ellis, Dustin Dunn, Bill Bragg, Russell Gupton, Glenn Wolf, Steven Sellars, Matt Duke, Tony Clark, Ricky Sharbeno, Michael White,

Bobby "Rocky" Shirley, Adam Simpkins, Thomas Royal, Carl Erb, Angel Croslin, Josh Jackson, Matt Waldron, Stephen "Timmy" White, Sam Waldron, B. J. Hudspeth, Ronald Carney, Jonathan Coulon, Rachael Barnhill, Jarrod Harris, Don Horton, Fred Biggs, Michael Erb, Stephen Stiles, and Lee Luna; and

WHEREAS, several of these noble heroes received individual recognition for their efforts in 2003: Carl Erb was "Firefighter of the Year"; Bobby Shirley was "Rookie of the Year"; Dustin Shadowens was "Explorer of the Year"; and Lt. Danny Schaeffer was "Officer of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Ashland City Fire Department embody the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they serve as exceptional ambassadors of this state; and

WHEREAS, they are worthy of our most effusive thanks for a difficult job well done; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Ashland City Fire Department for their diligent and dedicated service to their community, as we reflect on their unsurpassed public service, outstanding character, and many accomplishments in 2003, and we wish these courageous Tennesseans much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy